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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (Feb. 18-25)

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Thurs., Feb. 19 Women's Basketball at Bradley

Fri., Feb. 20 MEN'S TRACK HOSTS PEPSI CHALLENGE (6:00, Lantz Fieldhouse)
Women's Track at Illini Classic

Sat., Feb. 21 MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS SOUTHWEST MISSOURI (7:30, Lantz Gym)
MEN'S SWIMMING HOSTS WESTERN KENTUCKY (2:00, Lantz Pool)
Women's Basketball at Western Illinois
Men's Track at Illini Domino Classic

Sun., Feb. 22 WRESTLING HOSTS NORTHERN IOWA (1:00, Lantz Gym)

Mon., Feb. 23 Men's Basketball at Northern Iowa (7:30)
Women's Basketball at Butler

Wed., Feb. 25 MEN'S BASKETBALL HOSTS COLORADO STATE (7:30, Lantz Gym)

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (Feb. 13-14)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

WEEKEND RESULTS: The Panthers dropped a 92-67 AMCU-8 game at Cleveland State . . . EIU is 6-15 overall and tied with Western Illinois for last in the AMCU with an 1-8 record. . . it was the Panthers tenth loss in the last 11 games.

NEXT GAME: Eastern will host AMCU-8 leader Southwest Missouri State on Saturday (Feb. 21). . . game time is 7:30.

COACH SAMUELS SEZ: "We were aggressive and attacked the basket well early on but to be successful we've got to be able to do it for 40 minutes . . . we just lost concentration and Cleveland State completely dominated us in the second half as they decided the outcome in the first five minutes."

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (PARK TUDOR): TONY HEMPHILL, junior swingman, was chosen the AMCU-8 'Co-Player of the Week' as he scored 21 points vs. Cleveland State and 24 vs. Illinois-Chicago earlier in the week . . . in the two games he was 15-27 from the field, 14-19 from the line, 15 rebounds, 13 assists and nine steals. . . this is the first time an EIU player has received the weekly conference honor . . . he is second on the team in scoring with a 12.0 average and is shooting 40.9% from the field, 79.5% from the line, averaging 4.2 rebounds and 2.8 assists.

AURORA (EAST): JAY TAYLOR, sophomore guard, has been in double figures in three straight games scoring 18 vs. Illinois-Chicago and 12 vs. Cleveland State this past week . . . he still leads the team with a 14.2 average and is shooting at 49.8% from the field . . . TAYLOR'S No. 2 on the team with a 4.6 rebound average.

JOLIET (CENTRAL): NORM EVANS, junior guard, is third on the team with a 10.2 scoring mark and has scored 11 points in three straight games. . . he is shooting 49.7% from the field, averages 2.7 assists and 1.4 steals.

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LAKE PARK (ROSELLE): DAVE VANCE, junior forward, is averaging 6.4 ppg, shooting an even 40% from the field and getting 3.3 rpg. . . in a scoring slump recently, he has been in double figures just once in the last 13 games with 13 points vs. Western Illinois.

CJETE-MONEE (PARKLAND CC): DAVE STEIN, junior forward, is scoring 5.7 p/game starting seven of the 21 contests and averaging just over 20 minutes p/contest . . . last week he had six points vs. Cleveland State and four vs. Illinois-Chicago.

CINCINNATI, OH (MT. HEALTHY): CASS WHITE, freshman forward, is scoring 3.9 p/game, shooting 42.9% from the field, getting 1.3 rebounds and averaging about 13 minutes playing time.

HINSDALE (CENTRAL): VINCE MACCIOCCHI, sophomore center, has started the last three games scoring 14 points and getting nine rebounds total . . . he is averaging 3.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg and playing almost 14 minutes p/contest.

MEN'S TRACK

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The Panthers had one of their best overall performances in recent years defeating Southern Illinois, Indiana State and Southwest Missouri. . . the Panthers had 70 points, SIU 51, ISU 45 and SWMO 19.

NEXT MEET: Eastern will a multi-team EIU Pepsi Challenge Invitational on Friday night (Feb. 20) and then compete Saturday at the Illini Domino Classic.

COACH NEIL MOORE SAID: "I thought it was an outstanding team effort. We did exceptionally well against some quality competition."

SHELBYVILLE: The MATON brothers, JIM & PHIL, again had an outstanding day. . . JIM led the Panthers in scoring with 8 1/4 points by winning the 1000 run in 2:11.49, third in the mile in 4:10.91 and ran a leg on the 1st place two-mile relay (7:51) . . . PHIL won the 880 run in 1:54.2, 4th in the mile in 4:13.61 and also ran on the winning two-mile relay (7:51). . . he was 2nd in scoring with 7 1/4 points.

KANKAKEE: ROD FERGUSON, sophomore, had seven points by winning the 60 dash in 6.49 and finishing third in the 300 dash (31.89).

OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST: DAN MATAS, senior weightman, scored six points with a 1st in the shot put (55-5) and 4th in the 35 lb. weight (49-6).

ZION-BENTON: DERRICK LEE, sophomore jumps, was fourth in both the long jump (22-7) and triple jump (46-9 3/4).

SPRINGFIELD (LANPHIER/LINCOLN LAND CC): DARREN BARBER, junior hurdler, was second in the long jump (22-10) and fourth in the 60 high hurdles (7.84).

AURORA (WEST): IAN ISAACS, sophomore sprinter, won the 440 dash in 49.33 and ran a leg on the winning mile relay (3:18.7), the fourth fastest time in school history.

MARKHAM (THORNBRIDGE): VINRAM WADEBEY, freshman middle distance runner, was third in the 600 dash in 1:12.13 and ran a leg of the winning mile relay (3:18.7).

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The Lady Panthers beat Illinois State 67-63 on Thursday to give coach Barbara Hilke her 150th victory in her eighth year at EIU. Eastern Illinois then went over .500 for the first time this season in a 73-64 triumph over Indiana State on Saturday. Both Gateway Conference wins were claimed at Lantz Gym, where EIU has a 9-1 record this year. The Lady Panthers are tied with Bradley for fourth place in the league standings at 8-6 and 12-11 overall.

UPCOMING GAMES: Eastern Illinois will play a pair of Gateway games on the road this week, meeting Bradley on Thursday (Feb. 19) at 7:30 p.m. and Western Illinois on Saturday (Feb. 21) at 5:15 p.m. The Lady Panthers will play at Butler on Monday (Feb. 23) at 5:15 p.m. in non-conference action.

COACH BARBARA HILKE SAYS: "It's (the 150th win) nice, but it's not important. I'm so excited for the team and the way they came back and won a game that could have gone either way. . . **SHERYL (BONSETT)** came in and really helped us. She played good defense, and when the ball had to go to inside, she delivered. . . The game (vs. Indiana State) was a pretty good one for us. We shot pretty well (57.7 percent from the field in the second half and 53.4 overall) and played good man-to-man defense, which held them to 25 percent shooting in the first half. . . **PAT (HAMILTON)** had an amazing shooting night. The team did a good job of getting the ball to her."

DECATUR (EISENHOWER): Senior guard Pat Hamilton had 29 points against Indiana State and 19 points, five rebounds and four steals against Illinois State. Hamilton, who was 14 of 19 from the floor against Indiana State, leads the Lady Panthers in scoring at 12.9 points per game (15.7 against Gateway Conference opponents), steals at 2.2 and field goal percentage at 54.5. She is among the conference leaders for steals and field goal percentage.

AURORA, IN (SOUTH DEARBORN): Sophomore forward Lisa Tyler had 17 points, seven rebounds against Illinois State and 17 points, 11 rebounds and five assists against Indiana State. Tyler, who leads EIU in rebounding at 7.6 per game, assists at 3.2 and free throw percentage at 74.7, is among the Gateway's elite in all three categories. She is third on the team in scoring at 12.4 points per game.

SCOTTSBURG, IN: Sophomore guard Sheryl Bonsett came off the bench to score 10 points and dish off eight assists against Illinois State. She made four clutch free throws in the last 1:04 to help preserve EIU coach Barbara Hilke's 150th win at the school. Bonsett, who has appeared in all 23 games this season, is averaging 5.5 points per game and is third among her teammates in assists at 2.6.

ANNA (JONESBORO): Freshman center Laura Mull had five points, four rebounds and a season-high six blocked shots against Illinois State. She had six points, eight rebounds and four blocks against Indiana State. Mull, who has started all 23 games this season, is leading the team in blocked shots at 1.3 per game and second in rebounding at 5.4. She is third in both field goal and free throw percentages at 44.3 and 65.2, respectively. Mull, who is among the conference's best in blocks, is fourth on the team in scoring at 6.9 points per game.

EVANSTON: Junior forward Ann Brown had nine rebounds and two points against Illinois State. Brown is third in team rebounding at 5.2 per game and is averaging 4.8 points per game.

MEN'S SWIMMING

WEEKEND RESULT: The Panthers defeated Valparaiso 104-66 on Friday but lost 128-89 to Northern Illinois on Saturday. Both meets were at Lantz Pool. Eastern has a dual-meet record of 3-6.

UPCOMING MEET: EIU will host Western Kentucky in its home finale on Saturday (Feb. 21) at 2 p.m. It will be the last dual meet this season for the Panthers.

PEORIA (RICHWOODS): Sophomore Greg Young took top honors in the 500-yard freestyle at 5:09.12 and the 1,000 free at 10:42.91 against Valparaiso.

BLOOMINGTON: Junior Sam Van Scoyoc won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:02.72 and the 200 free in 1:53.14 against Valparaiso.

URBANA: Sophomore Tad Toler captured first place in one-meter diving with 194.45 points and three-meter diving with 199.90 points against Valparaiso.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS: Junior Tim Schnittker placed first in the 100-yard butterfly in 53.98 and anchored the winning 400 free relay, which had a time of 3:51.35.

MASCOUTAH: Sophomore Jay Hunt won the 100-yard freestyle at 50.73 and swam the lead leg for the winning 400 free relay, which had a time of 3:51.35.

ST. CHARLES: Senior Scott Conover took top honors in the 500-yard freestyle at 5:05.06 and the 1,000 free at 10:23.91 against Northern Illinois.

NORMAL: Freshman John Ryan captured first place in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:16.88 and the 200 individual medley in 2:05.38 against Northern Illinois. He also swam the second leg for the winning 400 free relay, which had a time of 3:51.35 against Valparaiso.

HINSDALE (CENTRAL): Junior Gary Urban won the 200-yard backstroke in 2:05.74 against Northern Illinois.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

WEEKEND RESULT: The Lady Panthers lost twice, 121-80 against Valparaiso on Friday and 127-86 against Northern Illinois on Saturday. Both meets were at Lantz Pool. Eastern finished the season with a dual-meet record of 2-6.

UPCOMING MEET: EIU will take next weekend off before traveling to Notre Dame, IN for the Midwest Championship on Feb. 26-28.

MARSHALL: Senior Connie Wieck took top honors in the 500-yard freestyle at 5:35.35 and the 1,000 free at 11:16.68 against Valparaiso. She won the 1,000 free in 11:17.99 against Northern Illinois.

PEKIN: Senior Tracy Saal won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.58 against Valparaiso. She captured first place in the 100 free at 56.87 against Northern Illinois.

FLOSSMOOR (HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR): Freshman Beth Curvey placed first in the 200-yard backstroke at 2:29.46 against Northern Illinois.

WRESTLING

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: Eastern was defeated by nationally ranked Edinboro University, 28-17, and then lost at Missouri, 29-6 . . . the Panthers dropped below .500 at 4-6.

NEXT MEET: EIU will host the nation's No. 5 ranked club, Northern Iowa, at 1 p.m. Sunday (Feb. 22) in Lantz Gym.

HEAD COACH RALPH MCC AUSLAND SAYS: "We wrestled some good matches and got handled in some matches . . . we came up short in a lot of the matches against both teams . . . but that's all part of it when you wrestle teams of this caliber . . . many of the matches were decided by two-point margins."

JOLIET (WEST): CRAIG STERR, sophomore 118 lber., was 1-1 last week winning by forfeit over Edinboro and then losing 3-1 at Missouri . . . his season record is 22-7.

WHEATON (CENTRAL): MARTY MOLINA, sophomore 177 lber., improved his season record to 22-9-1 . . . he tied against Edinboro, 1-1, and then won at Missouri, 7-5, over Jim Hardy.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS (RICH CENTRAL/LINCOLN CC): DEMETRIUS HARPER, senior heavyweight, improved his record to 26-2, best on the team, as he won over Edinboro's Eric Groenendaal, 24-8, and downed his Missouri opponent, 6-4.

FOREST PARK (RICH EAST): DEAN SOUDER, sophomore 134 lber., dropped both matches against Edinboro and Missouri last week but still has a 17-13 winning record.

WAUKEGAN (EAST): CHRIS BONDS, sophomore 158 lber., has a 13-12 record with three of the losses by one point including a 11-10 match vs. Edinboro University last week.